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1. REQUEST EMBASSY CONVEY TO TAKOYEV FOLLOWING PARTIAL

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REPLY TO HIS QUESTIONS AND PROPOSALS.

2. AS SOVIETS WERE INFORMED IN EARLY JANUARY (PER REF C), ASSISTANT ERDA ADMINISTRATOR FOR FOSSIL FUEL ENERGY WILL LEAD OR DESIGNATE LEADER OF TEMPORARY GROUPS OF EXPERTS ON COAL, OIL AND GAS ON US SIDE AND COMPOSITION OF US GROUPS WILL DEPEND UPON ITINERARIES TO BE AGREED UPON. ACTING ASSISTANT ERDA ADMINISTRATOR FOR FOSSIL FUEL ENERGY, S. W. GOUSE, HAS DESIGNATED WADE WATKINS OF ERDA TO HEAD OIL GROUP. AS IN CASE OF COAL, COMPOSITION OF OIL GROUP CANNOT BE DETERMINED UNTIL AGENDA AND ITINERARY ARE AGREED.

3. US IS EXPLORING POSSIBILITY OF PROCEEDING WITH PARTICIPATION SEVERAL OIL COMPANIES. (FOR EMBASSY'S INFO ONLY, THERE ARE DIFFICULTIES IN APPROACHING INDIVIDUAL FIRMS DIRECTLY; BUT GULF HAS BEEN ASKED THROUGH API TO COMMENT ON OFFER ATTRIBUTED TO GULF BY TAKOYEV AND API HAS VOLUNTEERED TO PROVIDE OTHER INDUSTRY CONTACTS. END FYI.)

4. US READINESS TO RECEIVE SOVIET OIL DELEGATION MUST AWAIT DEVELOPMENT OF AGREED AGENDA AND ITINERARY, AS WELL AS RECEIPT OF SOVIET RESPONSE TO US PROPOSALS ON INFORMATION AND FORECASTING GROUP MEETING.

5. IT IS UNLIKELY THAT VISIT OF US CO-CHAIRMAN TO USSR WOULD HELP TO "SETTLE PROGRAM" SINCE USG REP COULD NOT COMMIT OIL COMPANIES.

6. BY US SUGGESTED TOPIC ON "FUNDAMENTAL PROPERTIES OF PETROLEUM" IS MEANT ANALYSIS OF COMPLEX PETROLEUM CHEMICAL COMPOSITIONS, E.G. TYPE OF WORK BEING DONE AT ERDA LAB AT BARTLESVILLE, OKLAHOMA.

7. BY US SUGGESTED TOPIC ON "MICROBIOLOGICAL METHODS OF PROSPECTING" IS MEANT DEVELOPMENT OF NEW MEANS TO FIND OIL BY IDENTIFYING KINDS OF MICROORGANISMS FOHN, IN SOIL (AND OFFSHORE MUDS) OF OIL FIELDS AND PLOTTING DENSITY OF THESE MICROORGANISMS VERSUS CHARACTER OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OIL FOUND, E.G. TYPE OF WORK BEING DONE BY S.V. KUZNETSOV AND I.N. POZOGOVA AT INSTITUTE OF MICROBIOLOGY OF ACADEMY OF SCIENCES IN MOSCOW. KISSINGER

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